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SUMMARY: ON APRIL 26 ECON/COUNS MET WITH UDAGAWA AND KATAKURA (HEAD AND DEPUTY HEAD RESPECTIVELY OF FONOFF INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES DIVISION) TO TRANSMIT USG RESPONSE (REFTEL) TO POINTS RAISED BY GOJ. ACCOUNT OF CONVERSATION GIVEN BELOW. END SUMMARY. ACTIN REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON NEW PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR PREAMBLE.

1. AFTER INFORMING FONOFF OF USG ACCEPTANCE OF DELETION FROM ARTICLE VI OF PROPOSED LANGUAGE RE CONSISTENCY OF PROVISION WITH INTERNAL LAW AND POLICIES OF APPROPRIATE AGENCIES, ECON/COUNS ADVISED THAT USG CONTINUED TO PREFER SPEARATE PARAGRAPH IN PREAMBLE RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS. UDAGAWA RESPONDED THAT GOJ'S PROBLEM WAS THAT PROPOSED PARA, UNLIKE OTHER TWO PARAGRAPHS, IMPLIED POSITIVE ACTION (I.E. QTE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION UNQTE) RATHER THAN EXPRESSING GENERAL UNDER-

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LYING THOUGHTS (I.E. QTE BELIEVING UNQTE AND QTE DESIR-

ING UNQTE). AFTER SOME DISCUSSION UDAGAWA SAID HE THOUGHT GOJ COULD ACCPT SEPARATE PARAGRAPH, AS SUGGESTED BY US, WITH FOLLOWING WORDING: QTE RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS UNQTE. ECON/COUNS SAID HE THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE BUT WITH SOME CLARIFICATION AS MEANING OF QTE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS UNQTE, E.G. BY ADDING QTE IN SECURING RESOURCES UNQTE, QTE IN MEETING THESE REQUIREMENTS UNQTE OR QTE IN THIS CONNECTION UNQTE. UDAGAWA EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR ENDING PARAGRAPH WITH QTE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS UNQTE, BUT SAID THAT QTE IN THIS CONNECTION UNQTE MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE. HE PROMISED TO SEEK GOJ AGENCIES' VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION.

2. ECON/COUNS TRANSMITTED VIEWS ON QTE ADVANCED PROPULSION SYSTEMS UNQTE IN PARA 3 REFTEL. DURING DISCUSSION HE EMPHASIZED THAT USG AGREES SUBSTANTIVELY TO INCLUSION OF SOME TOPIC RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION AMONG AREAS OF COOPERATION AND THAT ITS DESIRE NOW IS TO OBTAIN FURTHER CLARIFICATION IN ORDER TO GIVE DOT CLEARER IDEA OF JAPANESE ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS. HE SAID THAT ONCE WE HAD RECEIVED SUCH INFORMATION, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO AGREE ON MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY TERMINOLOGY IN SHORT ORDER. FONOFF REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THAT IF USG PROPOSAL FOR QTE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS UNQTE INCLUDED QTE ADVANCED PROPULSION SYSTEMS UNQTE, THEY THOUGHT US PROPOSED WORKDNG WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. ECON/COUNS ON BASIS PARA 5 STATE 054281 ASSURED THEM THIS WAS THE CASE.

3. FONOFF PROMISED TO RESPOND PROMTPLY WITH GOJ VIEWS ON PREAMBLE WORDING AND CLARIFICATION OF QTE ADVANCE PROPULSION SYSTEMS UNQTE.

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